

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: sonja-002-046-2.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000221.006

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 09 September 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 09 September 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is a highly sexualised image of a girl who is an older child or young teen at most. It is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes. The image presents young people as appropriate subjects for adult sexual attention and can only be intended for the sexual arousal of adults with a prurient interest in girls. The objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.